Captains of Industry or Robber Barons?

**Poster Assignment**

Outside of class, you will be creating a colorful poster about a leader of big business in the Industrial Era. Were they captains of industry to be thanked for advancing society, or robber barons who stole their wealth by cutting others out? You will be creating an 8 ½ x 11 poster to introduce one industry boss to the class by displaying **both positive and negative** aspects of these individuals.

You will be looking in to one of the following big business leaders for your poster. Please circle the person you have been assigned.

* Andrew Carnegie
* John D. Rockefeller
* Cornelius Vanderbilt
* J.P. Morgan
* Jay Gould
* Henry Ford

Your poster must:

* use color to effectively communicate and be visually intriguing
* include the name of your industry boss
* include an image representing your person
* creatively describe as many positive contributions as possible
* creatively describe as many negative contributions as possible
* include the major industry(s) this person was involved in

You have been provided one page of factual information about your person, which is also posted on the weebly. Acceptable web-based resources are listed, by person, on the weebly. No additional resources may be used.

More points will be awarded for posters done by hand. This is to reward the effort required to create a product by hand and to encourage you to think about what you want to include. While you may include images printed off a computer, you are encouraged to be as creative as possible.

This poster is due **at the start of your block period the week of April 25th** and will count as a **test grade**.

On the reverse of this assignment **is the rubric that will be used to grade your posters**. Be sure to consult it as you are working to check your own progress.

As always, if you have questions, *please ask*! Email me as soon as possible. You are being given at least a week to do this project and I expect it to show care and effort, so plan ahead. We will be using your posters in class during the block, so you will need it to participate.

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**Poster Rubric**

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| Excellent | Acceptable | Unacceptable |
| The poster uses color to effectively communicate and is visually intriguing.  10 points | The poster is attractive, but uses color randomly.  8 points | Color is not used or use is haphazard.  5 points |
| The poster clearly and creatively describes a number of positive contributions  20 points | The poster describes few positive contributions.  15 points | The poster describes only one positive contribution or the contributions are unclear.  10 points |
| The poster clearly and creatively describes a number of negative contributions  20 points | The poster describes a few negative contributions.  15 points | The poster describes only one negative contribution or the contributions are unclear.  10 points |
| The name and industry of the person are neatly and clearly identified on the poster.  10 points | The name and industry of the person are present on the poster.  8 points | The name or industry of the person are not present on the poster or are difficult to read.  5 points |
| The image of the person is hand drawn and accurately portrays the person’s role in his industry.  10 points | The image of the person is clear, well selected, and fits the poster.  8 points | The image of the person is present, but is not appropriately used or has inaccuracies.  5 points |
| All aspects of the poster show care, effort, and attention to detail.  10 points | The poster shows effort and attention. Detail may be misplaced.  7 points | Poster is complete, but appears rushed or crumpled.  5 points |
| * 4 points for being on time **total points**: /100 * 3 points for name * 3 point for section | | |

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